A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A memorial was received in one individual case; the request made in it was refused.

(*c*) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. As regards the second part, the Government have no reason to think that well-founded claims of any class of Government servants receive other than sympathetic consideration from heads of departments and so do not propose to make the suggested exhortation.

Re-entertainment of Messrs. Muthuswami and Krishna Doss in the Registration department of Madura.

*1371 *Q.*—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to question No. 923 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 31st day of October 1927—

(*a*) whether M. Muthuswami and A. Krishna Doss, acting clerks employed in the Registration department of the Madura district, are members of the backward classes; and

(*b*) whether M. Muthuswami had been declared duly qualified for public service under the Public Service Notification in pursuance of the orders passed by the Inspector-General of Registration, dated 17th July 1924?

A.—(*a*) They belong to castes which, for the purpose of educational concessions in school-fees, have been classed as backward.

(*b*) Yes: but he had not one year's continuous or two years' aggregate acting service on 16th November 1926.

Reforms

The Statutory Commission.

*1372 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahaṣayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government had any correspondence with the Central Government regarding either the personnel or work or both of the Statutory Commission appointed under section 84-A of the Government of India Act of 1919;

(*b*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay it or at least such part of it as is not marked 'Confidential' on the table of the House; and

(*c*) whether the Government of Madras objected to the exclusion of Indians from the Commission?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The answer to clause (*a*) is in the negative.

Staff Selection Board

Medical certificates produced by candidates applying to the Staff Selection Board.

*1373 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates who send their applications to the Staff Selection Board are required to produce certificates of physical fitness from Commissioned Medical Officers or Civil Surgeons in charge of a district;